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### **MEETING NOTICE**

#### **INFORMATION ON A BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT ADDRESSING SALT AND BORON IN THE LOWER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER**

Central Valley Regional Board staff are holding a series of informational meetings throughout the lower San Joaquin River Basin and in Sacramento to discuss an upcoming Basin Plan Amendment addressing salt and boron in the river between Mendota Dam and Vernalis. The meetings will consist of a 30 minute staff presentation followed by a question and answer period and will be held during the last week of April. A list of the various meeting times and locations is on the back of this notice. Maps to the meeting locations and an agenda are attached.

The proposed Basin Plan Amendment will identify salt and boron water quality objectives necessary to protect designated beneficial uses in the lower San Joaquin River and will outline an implementation plan to insure that the objectives are met. This amendment will likely effect anyone that pumps from or discharges to the lower river or any of its tributaries. Therefore, you are encouraged to attend one of these informational meetings to learn more about the amendment process, how the amendment may effect you, and how to ensure that your comments, concerns and suggestions are considered and incorporated into the amendment as appropriate. The informational meetings listed on the attached meeting notice will be followed at a later date by additional technical meetings focusing on the proposed water quality objectives and the proposed implementation plan. The Basin Plan Amendment is scheduled to go before the Board for consideration in December 1999.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming meetings and hope that you pass this information on to any other interested parties that you may know of. If you have any questions regarding the meeting notice or agenda, please contact Jeanne Chilcott at 916/255-3088, Harley Davis at 916/255-3102 or me at 916/255-3101.

Rudy Schnagl  
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Attachments

**INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS  
ON THE UPCOMING  
BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT ADDRESSING  
SALT AND BORON IN THE  
LOWER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASIN**

**MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS**

**Monday 26 April 1999:**

1:30 p.m: U.C. Cooperative Extension  
San Joaquin County  
420 South Wilson Way  
Stockton, CA 95205  
209/468-2085

**Tuesday 27 April 1999:**

9:30 a.m: Patterson Covenant Church  
435 West Las Palmas Ave.  
Patterson, CA 95363

1:30 p.m: Ramada Inn  
The Pacheco Main Room  
Santa Nella, CA  
209/826-4444

**Wednesday 28 April 1999:**

9:30 a.m: Merced City Council Chambers  
678 W. 18th Street  
Merced, CA 95340  
209/722-5761

1:30 p.m: Stanislaus County Agricultural Center  
3800 Cornucopia Way  
(Corner of Crows Landing and Service Roads)  
Modesto, CA 95358  
209/525-6800

**Wednesday 5 May 1999**

1:30 p.m: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Main Conference Room  
3443 Routier Road, Suite A  
Sacramento, CA 95827  
916/255-3000

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**AGENDA**

Introduction and Background

- The Area of Concern
- The Problem
- Current Water Quality Objectives
- Current Concentrations in the Lower San Joaquin River

Developing a Basin Plan Amendment

- Overall Process
- Components
  - Beneficial Uses
  - Water Quality Objectives
  - Implementation Plan
  - Surveillance and Monitoring
- Timeline

Current Status

- Draft Reports
- Water Quality Objectives
- Implementation Plan

Future Meetings

What should interested parties do?